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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
Flags Lowered in Honor of Justice Michael Ryan

"Justice Michael Ryan will be remembered for his public service, both to his State and Nation. Whether from the bench of the Arizona Supreme Court or the battlefields of Vietnam, Justice Ryan served with honor and distinction.

"It is this honor and distinction that led Justice Ryan to earn two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star during a tour as a Marine in Vietnam. It is this honor and distinction that guided him during 24 years of service as a Superior Court judge, appellate-court judge and, ultimately, Supreme Court Justice.

"Today, I invite all Arizonans to join me in offering a prayer for Justice Michael Ryan and his family and friends. In tribute to Justice Ryan, I have ordered that all state flags be flown at half-staff on the day of his memorial services – Friday, February 3, 2012 – as well as the day of his burial at Arlington National Cemetery."

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